

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, October 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado. Earl Richmond called the meeting to order at 7:37am.

Members present were Co-Chair Earl Richmond, Co-Chair McKenzie Lyle, Marcus Trusty, Julie Robinson and Dan Hamme. Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Supervisor Emily Osborn, Recreation Program Coordinator Ashley Davis, and Planning Department Head Mark Doering. Perspective Recreation Board Members Rick Bieterman, Jeff Moore, and Jeri Pikul were also present, along with Town Administrator Brandy Reitter and Trustee Mark Jenkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dan Hamme moved to approve the September 2016 minutes. McKenzie Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: McKenzie Lyle motioned to approve the agenda. Dan Hamme seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Comment

Ongoing Discussion Items:

- I. Discussion re Community Skating Rink: Eddyline is doing a fundraiser on November 10. It will be a five course dinner for about \$40 and they are currently working on getting marketing items completed. Emily updated the group and reported that the \$60,000 GOCO Grant will not be applied for this round due to lack of matching funds, and that that the Rink is still in the budget. Dan met with Brandy about these things and she suggested that she is still working on the budget and it could potentially make the cut, which means that the GOCO Grant could still be applied for. Dan feels that the group needs to get some kind of definitive answer from Paul Moltz as to if he's going to do a price cut on concrete or donate concrete. That would allow them to get a better idea of what the budget for the project would be. Brandy reported that at the work session last week with the Board of Trustees they decided they could potentially use some of the extra funds for the rink, however, a plan needs to be developed. McKenzie is clarifying that the project will not be in the Recreation Department Budget but that there is possibility that the Board will use leftover funds for it. Brandy stated that is correct. She did not want to tie up funds for something there wasn't a complete plan for yet. McKenzie asked what the potential leftover funds could be. Brandy stated that there's a 27% reserve, and they want to stay a bit above that, so there should be good funds. They won't know until closer to December what the actual numbers would be when most of the current budget needs have been utilized. Dan is going to work on getting a design/drawing together and then get measurements from the Town for the new locations. Brandy and Dan have scheduled standing meetings so things should be able to keep moving forward. Emily stated that the second Brownsfield Assessment should be happening at the end of this month and reported on shortly thereafter. She also reported that Pickleball is not interested in sharing the slab for their purposes like we had

originally spoken about in conjunction with the Rink, but Stephanie is planning to talk to the Board of Trustees to ensure a land donation if she can raise the full funds for the new facility.

Mark Jenkins suggested that full drawings and numbers would help the Board of Trustees greatly. As a Recreation Board, it seems as though there is a crossroads ahead and requires a decision as to if the full rink will go in, or if it can be downsized and a smaller rink could be installed sooner. It would be about \$15,000 match from the Town in the 2017 budget if we were to do the smaller project.

- II. Discussion re Budget Update: The Advisory Boards will present from 6-7pm during the work session at the Board of Trustee meeting on October 26th. Presentations need to be 10 minutes or less. Emily suggested that Earl or McKenzie be the ones that present as co-chairs, and for them to get with the Recreation Department Staff to get information together. The Board of Trustees should have a good feel for what the Recreation Advisory Board is requesting since the presentation at the work session last month.

New Discussion Items:

- I. Discussion re Park Dedication, Farm Subdivision, Colorado Center: Mark Doering is presenting information and plans for the S1 Zone District, which is the zoning for Town Parks. There are a few pieces of land that have been designated in this zone (4 lots in Sunset Vista IV, Millie Crymble Park, Colorado Center, etc). In the zoning ordinance there is a designation of parks if someone building a residential subdivision. Currently, the requirement is 7.5 acres for every 1000 people being developed for. Town has a lot more land for parks per capita than was actually requested. The fee option is based upon undeveloped, vacant land in the Town. Mark would like to find a solution with Town Staff and the Board of Trustees for a lower cash in lieu due to of inflation. To gain some perspective, Colorado Springs does \$4,000 per lot and Salida does \$3,000 per lot. Most area fees are substantially less than the current Buena Vista prices. Dan asked if there will be a special fund for these incomes or if it's earmarked for Recreation. Brandy reported that if someone paid a park impact fee it would be set aside for park development and would be used for park updates or new parks. It would be run through the Recreation Board eventually but currently it's tied more into the Planning Department. Once administration comes up with a new plan, it would work more like Sunset Vista IV where it's set aside and discussed later. Marcus asked when the last time was that a developer had to pay these fees or make a donation. Mark believes the last time was the Sunset IV development. He would like to see this donation happen for smaller subdivisions as well, not just for large land developers. Mark's recommendation is to create a flat fee for these developers even though he doesn't have a monetary amount in mind.

Based on this conversation, Colorado Center needs to be a conversation. Years ago they did an annexation and development, and the Board required that they dedicate a certain amount of land for parks. Currently, there are 13.72 acres, as well as space for Tract 1. The document the group is working on will formally dedicate this land to the town, so there will

be 15 acres out by the airport dedicated to open space. The final plat is the document that will get this land dedicated. Mark wants to put this on the radar for the Recreation Board so they can come up with some ideas for it, and there will also will be trails and other items added down the road.

The Farm Subdivision is Charlie Chupp's piece of land north of Antero Circle. It would be 185 new family homes in town and would be 21 acres in size. This would result in about 400 people living in the subdivision, which would equate to 3 acres of park. Right now, the development plan shows about 2.5 acres.

The "Unified Development Code" review will be to the Board of Trustees to review by December. Mark is hoping that there would be a final decision by January. Emily asked if the workforce housing development would be required a land donation and Brandy reported that it may be a requirement, but they don't know for sure yet.

- II. Discussion re Program Update: The Sleeping Indian Hill Climb was a success! There were about 100 kids registered last night at the sign up for youth basketball. Those will go a few more weeks, so the numbers are expected to reflect those of last year. Adult Football is way more of a hit then expected- currently there are about 20-25 people coming each Tuesday to play flag football. Adult open gym basketball will happen for a few more weeks and then Volleyball will start the first week of November.
- III. Discussion re Heal Grant, Sleeping Indian, Trail Brochure): Town was awarded a \$15,000 grant to put water bottle filling stations in around Town (CC, River Park, Splash Park) but they will not function during the winter months. BV REC hosted a successful Sleeping Indian Hill Climb last weekend with about 25 runners. Ed Eberle is working on Trails Brochures for next year. He is wondering if anyone from the Recreation Board would want to volunteer to work with him to include some recreation verbiage. Earl will be working as the Community Coordinator for the bike library, hopefully being able to bring a fresh perspective and extra hands to be able to push the rentals. The Master Plan was supposed to go to the Board of Trustees to get approved tonight, but it was discovered that it has to go to Planning and Zoning Commission first on the 19th, so it will go before the Trustees on the 26th instead. It looks like BV REC will get the software that they are hoping for with left over wages from Kathryn's salary. On the 26th, the Trustees will be asked to reallocate those funds to be able to purchase this software.
- IV. Discussion re New Rec Board Members: Emily encouraged all of the perspective advisory board members to continue to come to meetings even if the open position isn't awarded to them. The Recreation Board is reviewing application for Keith Griffin, Jeff Moore, Rick Bieterman, and Jerianna Pikul. Qualifications, availability, and other involvement in the community will be the deciding factors as to who will be recommended. The Recreation Advisory Board will make a recommendation to Board of Trustees and they will officially

approve of the advisory board member. Each application was reviewed and each applicant was introduced. A time for questions was opened to the candidates:

Jeff Moore asked about who gets involved in budget processes for the departments. Emily stated that the group identifies larger project items that get presented to the Town Administrator and that eventually go to the Board of Trustees. Conversations start here, wish lists are made, and staff takes it from there. If there's a project with a champion, with some good momentum, we bring those projects first, loosely based off of our Master Plan.

Rick asked what the accomplishment is that we're most proud of, or that's been the most frustrating in the last year, with the Board. Earl stated that the Splash Park was an accomplishment: Town only spent \$15,000 on a park worth \$300,000 with many in-kind donations from the community. The Recreation Board was behind building McPhelemy Park, the Skate Park, Dog Park, Disc Golf Course, Whitewater Park, etc.

The Recreation Advisory Board Discussed the following: Keith Griffin is already involved with BV REC and missed the meeting. He will continue to volunteer/work even if he isn't chosen for this position. Rick took time to fill in the application fully and detailed. He has been helping already, he has a big recreation background, etc. Jeff has a lot of connection with people in the community and he's looking at things from a different perspective. He has young kids and has been here for a couple of years. He's very plugged in with the senior group, but he does see a lot of other people as well. He's well-spoken, prompt, and personable. Jerianna Pikul has been to many meetings and will continue to do so in the future. We already have McKenzie representing Mt. Princeton and don't feel there needs to be a second person to do so. The Recreation Board makes the recommendation that Rick Bierterman be a member of the Recreation Advisory Board and Jeff Moore be a potential alternate if Lisa Ortega was to withdraw. Dan Hamme would like to make a motion that Lisa Ortega step down from her position due to lack of availability to attend meetings. The group unanimously agrees and Earl is going to approach her about stepping down but still lending her input and attending future meetings because she has very valued opinions and input.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Earl Richmond at 9:34am.

Respectfully submitted:



Ashley Davis, Recreation Program Coordinator



Earl Richmond, Co-Chair